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## WELL KNOWN WRITERS TO GIVE READINGS AT CONCORDIA

Three poets and one novelist will read from their work as part of Concordia University's second semester "Visiting Artists in Poetry and Prose" series to be held on four Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Loyola Campus Vanier Auditorium, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W.

Deborah Eibel, a lecturer in English at Concordia's Loyola Campus will open the series on January 17 with readings from her poetry collection Kayak Sickness (1972). Poems from Kayak Sickness have appeared in many collections including 40 Women Poets of Canada (1971), New Voices of the Commonwealth (1968), New Poems of the Seventies (1970) and Storm Warning (1971) as well as in such publications as The Tamarack Review, The Dalhousie Review, The Literary Review and Approach.

Novelist Rudy Wiebe will be at Concordia on February 7. The University of Alberta English professor is well known for his strong realistic prairie novels and short stories. In Peace Shall Destroy Many (1962) and Blue Mountains of China (1970) he treats Mennonite immigration to Western Canada. The Indian in the West is Wiebe's topic in First and Vital Candle (1966) and the Northwest Rebellion is discussed in his novel The Temptations of Big Bear (1973). Rudy Wiebe's most recent publication is a book of short stories entitled Where is the Voice Coming From?

Rudy Wiebe will be followed on February 21 by Tom Wayman, one of the few poets to be a member of the "Industrial Workers of the World", a labour association organized to establish revolutionary industrial unionism. He has had three poetry collections published: Waiting for Wayman (1973), For and Against the Moon (1974) and Money and Rain: Tom Wayman Live (1975).

Denise Levertov will close the series on March 1 with readings from her poetry. Ms. Levertov has taught at Berkeley and Vassar and has had one work of prose and ten poetry collections published. Her most recent collection is <u>The Freeing of the Dust</u> (1975).

All four readings will be followed by a reception.

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